

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10-26 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 6 and 9 are cancelled, and claims 12 and 15 are amended merely for clarity.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Office Action indicates that claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10-26 are allowed.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

I. The Drawings Satisfy All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to the drawings based on informalities. Fig. 11 is corrected pursuant to the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections to obviate this objection. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

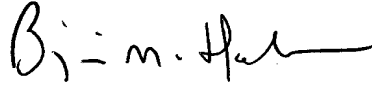
The Office Action rejects claims 6 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Ichikawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,057,897). Claims 6 and 9 are cancelled. Thus, this rejection is rendered moot. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 is requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Appendix
Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

Claims 6 and 9 are canceled.

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claims:

12. (Amended) An electro-optical device, comprising:

a pair of substrates including a first and a second substrate adhered together with a sealing material;

an electro-optical material enclosed between said pair of substrates; and

a plurality of pixels formed in a matrix disposed within said pair of substrates,

said first substrate including:

1) a lens array substrate provided with a plurality of convex microlenses with one microlens corresponding to each of said plurality of pixels, the plurality of microlenses being provided at one side of the first substrate,

2) a step portion formed on the one side of the first substrate in a region overlapping said sealing material, and

3) a transparent cover adhered to the lens array substrate with an adhesive that covers said microlenses and said step portion.

15. (Amended) An electro-optical device, comprising:

a pair of substrates including a first and a second substrate adhered together with a sealing material;

an electro-optical material enclosed between said pair of substrates, said second substrate having a plurality of scanning lines, a plurality of data lines intersecting said plurality of scanning lines, a pixel having a switching device connected to each of said scanning lines and each of said data lines, and a pixel electrode connected to said switching device, and the first substrate including:

- 1) a lens array substrate provided with a plurality of convex microlenses with one microlens corresponding to each of said plurality of pixels, the plurality of microlenses being formed on one side of the first substrate,
- 2) a step portion formed on the one side of the first substrate in a region overlapping said sealing material, and
- 3) a transparent cover adhered to the lens array substrate with an adhesive that covers said microlenses and said step portion.